

Va Form 21 4138 Instructions

Department of Veterans Affairs		STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM	
<small>OMB Approved No. 2000-0075 Respondent Burden: 15 minutes</small>			
PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION: The VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for matters such as: (1) civil or criminal law enforcement; (2) congressional committees; epidemiological or research studies; the collection of money owed to the United States; litigation in which the United States is a party or has an interest; the administration of VA Programs and delivery of VA benefits; verification of identity and status; and personnel administration as identified in the VA system of records, 58VAT2/22, Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain benefits. VA uses your SSN to identify your claim file. Providing your SSN will help ensure that your records are properly associated with your claim file. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. The VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law. The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5706). Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.			
RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to obtain evidence in support of your claim for benefits (38 U.S.C. 501(a) and (b); Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 15 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.omb.gov or on the OMB Internet Page at www.omb.gov/privacy/2000/0075/0075.html . If desired, you can call 1-800-472-7899 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.			
FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME - LAST NAME OF VETERAN (Type or print)		SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	VA FILE NO.
CLARENCE C LARRY			C/CSS- 607483997
The following statement is made in connection with a claim for benefits in the case of the above-named veteran: I HAVE TREATED BY SEVERAL DOCTORS TO INCLUDE DR CALVIN L RECFORD VA CLINIC MONTEREY CLINIK AND DR ELMER IGNACIO OF VA MENTAL HEALTH OF MODESTO CA CLINIC ALSO WHOM I BEEN TREATED FOR SEVERAL YEARS DR IGNACIO SAID THE RECORDS SHOULD SHOW OF MY DX OF PTSD AND THE REASON FOR SERVICE CONNECTION SHOULD BE EXCEPTED AS SERVICE CONNECTION DUE TO THE SEVERAL CONTINUING TREATMENTS AND THE SEVERITY OF MY DX FOR PTSD TREATMENT AND DEPRESSION DX IN HIS COMPETENT MEDICAL EVIDENCE HE HAS ALREADY NOTED MULT TIME IN MY TREATMENT RECORDS AND ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED IN THE VA DATA BASE MEDICAL IN THE VETERANS HOSPITAL IN PALO ALTO CA MAND MONTEREY CLINT MY PRIMARY CARE DOCTOR WHOM TREATED ME FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICE CONNECTION OF CHRONIC BACK OF THORACIC AND LOMBAR AND CERVICAL SPINE AND BACK , HYPERTENSION ,ASMA , LOSS OF CONTROL OF BOWLS AND HAS COMPETENT MEDICAL EVIDENCE FOUND IN MEDICAL TREATIES SINCE MY ONSET OF INJURY HAS MADE THE OPITION OF SECONDARY LIKEY OR NOT DUE TO MY SERVICE CONNECT INJURY I AM ASKING THAT THIS ALREADY DOCUMENTED DX BE CONSIDERED AT THE HEARING ON 02-25-2010\$3.303 Principles relating to service connection. (a) General. Service connection connotes many factors but basically it means that the facts, shown by evidence, establish that a particular injury or disease resulting in disability was incurred coincident with service in the Armed Forces, or if preexisting such service, was aggravated therein. This may be accomplished by affirmatively showing inception or aggravation during service or through the application of statutory presumptions. Each disabling condition shown by a veteran's service records, or for which he seeks a service connection must be considered on the basis of the places, types and circumstances of his service as shown by service records, the official history of each organization in which he served, his medical records and all pertinent medical and lay evidence. Determinations as to service connection will be based on review of the entire evidence of record, with due consideration to the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs to administer the law under a broad and liberal interpretation consistent with the facts in each individual case. (b) Chronicity and continuity. With chronic disease shown as such in service (or within the presumptive period under §3.307) so as to permit a finding of service connection, subsequent manifestations of the same chronic disease at any later date, however remote, are service connected, unless clearly attributable to intercurrent causes. This rule does not mean that any manifestation of joint pain, any abnormality of heart action or heart sounds, any urinary findings of casts, or any cough, in service will permit service connection. I CERTIFY THAT the statements on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.			
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PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact, knowing it to be false.			
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VA Form 21-4138 is a crucial document utilized by veterans and their beneficiaries to provide statements in support of their claims for various benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This form is often referred to as the "Statement in Support of Claim" and serves as a vital means for claimants to present additional evidence or details that may not be covered in their primary application. Understanding the instructions for completing this form is essential to ensure that your claim is processed efficiently and accurately.

Understanding VA Form 21-4138

VA Form 21-4138 is designed to collect personal statements from veterans regarding their service, injuries, or any other information pertinent to their claims. This form can also be used to submit statements from witnesses or individuals who can provide supporting evidence related to the claim.

Who Should Use VA Form 21-4138?

This form is primarily intended for:

- Veterans seeking disability compensation or pension benefits.
- Dependents or survivors applying for benefits based on a veteran's service.
- Individuals providing testimony or evidence related to a veteran's claim.

When to Use VA Form 21-4138

You may need to use VA Form 21-4138 in various scenarios, including:

1. **Filing a New Claim:** When submitting a new claim for benefits, this form can provide additional context or details regarding your situation.
2. **Appealing a Decision:** If you are contesting a decision made by the VA regarding your benefits, this form can help articulate your reasoning.
3. **Providing Additional Information:** If there are changes or new developments related to your claim, you can use this form to update the VA.

Instructions for Completing VA Form 21-4138

Completing VA Form 21-4138 is straightforward, but it requires attention to detail to ensure your statement is clear and comprehensive. Below are step-by-step instructions to guide you through the process.

Step 1: Accessing the Form

You can obtain VA Form 21-4138 through the following methods:

- Online: Download the form directly from the VA's official website.
- In-Person: Visit a local VA regional office to request a physical copy.
- Via Mail: Request a copy by contacting the VA through their toll-free number.

Step 2: Filling Out the Form

The form consists of several sections that need to be filled out accurately:

1. **Claimant Information:**
 - Provide your full name, VA file number, and Social Security number. This information helps the VA associate the statement with your claim.
2. **Statement:**

- Use this section to provide a detailed account of your experiences, injuries, or any relevant information. Aim to be as specific as possible.
- Consider organizing your statement into clear paragraphs, addressing specific incidents or points that support your claim.

3. Witness Information (if applicable):

- If someone else is providing a statement on your behalf, ensure they fill out their details, including their name, relationship to you, and contact information.

4. Signature and Date:

- Don't forget to sign and date the form. This step is crucial, as an unsigned form may be considered incomplete.

Step 3: Submitting the Form

After completing the form, you'll need to submit it to the appropriate VA office. You can choose to submit it:

- By Mail: Send the completed form to the address specified for the VA office handling your claim.
- Online: If you are using the VA's online portal, you can upload the form digitally.
- In-Person: Drop it off at your local VA office.

Tips for Writing an Effective Statement

When using VA Form 21-4138, the quality of your statement can significantly impact your claim's outcome. Here are some tips to craft an effective statement:

- **Be Clear and Concise:** Avoid unnecessary jargon and ensure your points are easy to understand.
- **Provide Specific Examples:** Use specific incidents or experiences to illustrate your points. This helps the VA understand the context of your claim.
- **Stay Relevant:** Focus on information that directly pertains to your claim. Avoid including irrelevant details that could distract from your main points.
- **Proofread:** Before submitting, review your statement for grammatical errors and clarity. A well-written statement reflects professionalism and attention to detail.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

Even small mistakes can lead to delays or denials in the claims process. Here are some common

pitfalls to avoid:

1. **Incomplete Information:** Ensure all sections of the form are filled out completely.
2. **Failure to Sign:** Always remember to sign and date the form before submission.
3. **Missing Deadlines:** Be aware of any deadlines associated with your claim or appeal to ensure your statement is submitted on time.
4. **Vague Statements:** Avoid generalizations. Provide detailed accounts to strengthen your case.

Follow-Up After Submission

After submitting VA Form 21-4138, it's essential to follow up to ensure your statement has been received and incorporated into your claim. Here's how you can do that:

1. **Track Your Claim:** Use the VA's online claim status tool to monitor the progress of your claim.
2. **Contact the VA:** If you haven't received confirmation within a reasonable time, reach out to the VA by phone or visit your local office.
3. **Keep Copies:** Always keep a copy of the submitted form and any correspondence with the VA for your records.

Conclusion

VA Form 21-4138 serves as an invaluable tool for veterans seeking to provide additional context and support for their claims. By carefully following the instructions outlined in this article and avoiding common pitfalls, you can enhance your chances of a successful outcome. The process may seem daunting, but with the right approach and attention to detail, you can navigate it effectively. Always remember that your statement can make a significant difference in how the VA evaluates your claim, so take the time to craft a thoughtful and thorough submission.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is VA Form 21-4138 used for?

VA Form 21-4138, also known as the Statement in Support of Claim, is used by veterans to provide additional information or evidence to support their claims for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

What are the key sections to fill out in VA Form 21-4138?

Key sections of VA Form 21-4138 include the veteran's personal information, the specific claim being supported, and a detailed narrative explaining the circumstances or evidence related to the claim.

How should I submit VA Form 21-4138?

VA Form 21-4138 can be submitted online through the VA's eBenefits portal, by mail to the appropriate VA regional office, or in person at a local VA facility.

Can I use VA Form 21-4138 for multiple claims?

Yes, you can use VA Form 21-4138 to support multiple claims, but it's important to clearly delineate information for each claim within the form.

What should I include in the narrative section of VA Form 21-4138?

In the narrative section, include specific details about your injury, illness, or circumstances that support your claim, along with any relevant dates, locations, or witnesses.

Are there any common mistakes to avoid when filling out VA Form 21-4138?

Common mistakes include leaving sections blank, providing vague information, failing to sign and date the form, and not keeping a copy for personal records.

Is VA Form 21-4138 required for all claims?

VA Form 21-4138 is not required for all claims, but it is highly recommended when additional evidence or personal statements are necessary to support your case.

How long does it take for the VA to process VA Form 21-4138?

Processing times for VA Form 21-4138 can vary based on the claim's complexity and the VA's workload, but it typically takes a few weeks to several months for a decision.

Can someone assist me in filling out VA Form 21-4138?

Yes, you can seek assistance from a veteran service organization, a claims agent, or a representative accredited by the VA to help you complete VA Form 21-4138.

Where can I find the latest version of VA Form 21-4138?

The latest version of VA Form 21-4138 can be found on the official U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website under the forms section.

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